

APPLICATION FOR PATENT (Small Entity Assertion)

Docket No. 1171/4

INVENTOR(S): Michael E. Reck

TITLE OF THE INVENTION: SINGLE FLANGED END BALL VALVE OF UNITARY  
CONSTRUCTION

FILING DATE: HEREWITH

Serial Number (if known): UNKNOWN

COPY

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 3-14-02



Brian L. Michaelis, Esq. Reg. No. 34,221  
Customer No 21710  
Intellectual Property Department  
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP  
One Financial Center  
Boston, MA 02111  
Tel: 617-856-8369  
Fax: 617-856-8201

---

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

---

As a below named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a utility patent application.

COPY

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if two or more names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SINGLE FLANGED END BALL VALVE OF UNITARY CONSTRUCTION**

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and has U.S. Application Number

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

03/14/02 10:18 FAX 6178581111

BRBI BOSTON

0022

**PRIORITY**

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) of Prior Foreign Applications:

Application Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
---------------------------	-------------	--------

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of Prior U.S. Provisional Applications:

Provisional Application Serial Number	Filing Date
60/300,345	June 22, 2001
60/300,622	June 25, 2001

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the following Applications:

Application Serial Number	Filing Date	Status
---------------------------	-------------	--------

---

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

**APPOINTED PRACTITIONER(S)**

Brian L. Michaelis, Reg. No. 34,221  
Mark S. Leonardo, Reg. No. 41,433  
Barry C. Nelson, Reg. No. 46,951  
Maria Eliseeva, Reg. No. 43,328  
John C. Serio, Reg. No. 39,023  
Mark A. Hofer, Reg. No. 30,068

David D. Lowry, Reg. No. 38,538  
Peter B. Sorell, Reg. No. 44,349  
Joseph P. Quinn, Reg. No. 45,029  
John J. Penny, Jr., Reg. No. 36,984  
Janice L. Kugler, Reg. No. P-50,429

All of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, LLP, One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111; and

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO

DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

Brian L. Michaelis  
Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, LLP  
One Financial Center  
Boston, MA 02111

Brian L. Michaelis  
Phone: 617-856-8369  
Fax: 617-856-8201

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

Inventor: Michael E. Reck

Inventor's signature:



Date

3/14/02

Country of Citizenship: United States

Residence: 15 Pearl Street, Belmont, MA 02478

Post Office Address: same as above

#1353034 v1-211031